

IN THE CLAIMS

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Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A composition comprising:

(a) at least one synthetic resin selected from the group consisting of homopolymers and copolymers of ethylene, propylene, styrene, vinylidene chloride, acrylic acid, alkyl acrylates, methacrylic acid, alkyl methacrylates, acrylonitrile, vinyl acetate, vinyl alcohol, isoprene, chloroprene, vinyl fluoride, vinylidene fluoride, tetrafluoroethylene, copolymers of ethylene and alpha-olefins, copolymers of propylene and alpha-olefins other than propylene, copolymers of vinylidene chloride and vinyl chloride, copolymers of vinylidene chloride and alkyl acrylates, copolymers of vinylidene chloride and alkyl methacrylates, copolymers of styrene, butadiene and rubber, copolymers of acrylonitrile and butadiene, copolymers of styrene and acrylonitrile, copolymers of acrylonitrile, butadiene and styrene, copolymers of vinylidene fluoride and hexafluoropropylene, polyesters, polyamides, polyurethanes, polycarbonates, polyphenylene ethers, polyimides, polyamide imides, polybenzimidazoles, polyalkylene oxides, polyetherether ketones, polyether sulfones, polyisocyanates, and polyphenylene sulfides; and

(b) at least one filler comprising (b1) at least one inorganic substance having a specific surface area higher than or equal to $15 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$ and (b2) at least one surface-active agent and/or at least one coating agent,

wherein said at least one filler is present in intimate admixture with, and forms a dispersed phase within, said at least one synthetic resin, and wherein said at least one synthetic resin forms a continuous phase comprising, therein, said at least one filler in dispersed form.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the synthetic resin is a copolymer of vinylidene chloride and vinyl chloride containing at least 40 % by weight of vinylidene chloride.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the synthetic resin is a copolymer of vinylidene chloride and methyl acrylate containing at least 60 % by weight of vinylidene chloride.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the inorganic substance is in the state of particles with a mean diameter less than 1 μm .

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the concentration of the filler in the composition is greater than or equal to 0.5 % by weight and is less than or equal to 10 % by weight.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the inorganic substance is calcium carbonate precipitated by carbonation of milk of lime.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the filler comprises at least one surface-active agent is selected from the group consisting of alkyl sulphates, arylsulphonates, alkyl sulphosuccinates and mixtures of at least two of these.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the filler comprises at least one coating agent is selected from the group consisting of fatty acids

having a number of carbon atoms greater than or equal to 6 and less than or equal to 26, and mixtures of at least two of these.

Claim 9 (Cancelled)

Claim 10 (Cancelled)

Claim 11 (Cancelled)

Claim 12 (Cancelled)

Claim 13 (Cancelled)

Claim 14 (Cancelled)

Claim 15 (Cancelled).

Claim 16 (Cancelled)

Claim 17 (Cancelled)

Claim 18 (Cancelled)

Claim 19 (Cancelled)

Claim 20 (Cancelled)

Claim 21 (Withdrawn): A film comprising the composition according to Claim 1.

Claim 22 (Withdrawn): A film consisting of the composition according to Claim 1 and at least one of plasticizer, liquid heat stabilizer and wax.

Claim 23 (Previously Presented): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the at least one inorganic substance having a specific surface area higher than or equal to $15 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$ has a specific surface area of greater than 50 and less than or equal to $100 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$.

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the at least one inorganic substance having a specific surface area higher than or equal to $15 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$ has a specific surface area of from greater than or equal to 70 and less than or equal to $90 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$.

Claim 25 (New): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the content of filler is less than or equal to 10% by weight.

Claim 26 (New): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the content of filler is less than or equal to 5% by weight.

Claim 27 (New): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the at least one synthetic resin is selected from the group consisting of homopolymers and copolymers of vinylidene chloride.

Claim 28 (New): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the at least one synthetic resin is selected from the group consisting of vinylidene fluoride, copolymers of vinylidene chloride and vinyl chloride, copolymers of vinylidene chloride and alkyl acrylates, copolymers of vinylidene chloride and alkyl methacrylates, copolymers of vinylidene chloride and acrylic acid, copolymers of vinylidene chloride and methacrylic acid, and copolymers of vinylidene fluoride and hexafluoropropylene.

Claim 29 (New): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the at least one synthetic resin is selected from the group consisting of homopolymers and copolymers of vinyl fluoride, vinylidene fluoride, tetrafluoroethylene, copolymers of vinylidene chloride and vinyl chloride, copolymers of vinylidene chloride and alkyl acrylates, copolymers of vinylidene chloride and alkyl methacrylates, copolymers of vinylidene fluoride and hexafluoropropylene.

Claim 30 (New): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the at least one synthetic resin is selected from the group consisting of homopolymer of vinylidene chloride; homopolymer of acrylonitrile; copolymers of ethylene and vinylalcohol; copolymers of vinylidene chloride and vinyl chloride; copolymers of vinylidene chloride and acrylic acid; copolymers of vinylidene chloride and alkyl acrylates; copolymers of vinylidene chloride and methacrylic acid; copolymers of vinylidene chloride and alkyl methacrylates; copolymers of acrylonitrile and butadiene; copolymers of styrene and acrylonitrile; copolymers of acrylonitrile, butadiene and styrene; copolymers of acrylonitrile and acrylic acid; copolymers of acrylonitrile and alkyl acrylates; copolymers of acrylonitrile and methacrylic acid; and copolymers of acrylonitrile.